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AND GAME INFORMATION  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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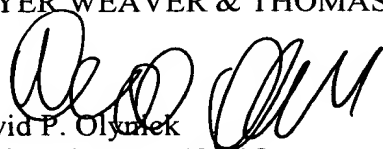
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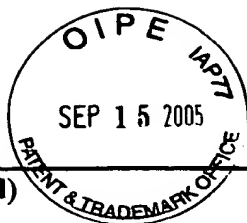
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#### Foreign Patent or Published Foreign Patent Application

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#### Other Documents

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	C1	Copy of EP Search Report dated August 26, 2005 for related EP application number 01983154.4 (4 pages)
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